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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD
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1. PRC CALL FOR "IMMEDIATE" END TO US MILITARY SUPPORT FOR ROK HAS BEEN STANDARD FARE FOR SOME TIME, AS HAS BEEN HARSH CRITICISM OF THE ROK AND PRESIDENT PARK. ADDITION OF "IMMEDIATE" TIME FRAME TO DEMAND FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES IN JULY 4 "PEOPLE'S DAILY" EDITORIAL (BUT NOT/NOT IN JUNE 25 EDITORIAL) IS NEW ELEMENT IN CONTEXT OF LAST FEW YEARS, HOWEVER, AND IS WORTH NOTING.

2. WE THINK IT IS PREMATURE TO SAY WHETHER THIS SHIFT HAS
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ANY MEANING IN TERMS OF SUBSTANTIVE PRC APPROACH TO KOREAN

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QUESTION IN GENERAL OR KOREAN ITEM IN UNGA IN PARTICULAR. AT THIS POINT, THE BEST WE CAN SAY IS THAT WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHETHER IT IS A HARBINGER OF A TRULY HARSHER LINE OR WHETHER IT REPRESENTS A STRONGER PUBLIC STANCE MERELY TO EARN BROWNIE POINTS WITH PYONGYANG.

3. HONG KONG'S 7733 RECEIVED AFTER THIS CABLE WAS PREPARED. AS ABOVE INDICATES, WE SHARE CONGEN'S VIEW THAT, AT THIS EARLY STAGE, ONE SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT ASCRIBING TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE MODIFICATION IN ONE ASPECT OF PRC PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON KOREA.
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